

CBSE Class 10 Board Exam Twice a Year from 2026

CBSE, which means Central Board of Secondary Education, has made a new rule for Class 10 students. From the year 2026, students of Class 10 will be allowed to give board exams twice in one school year. The first exam will be in February, and this exam will be compulsory for all students. The second exam will be optional and will happen in the month of May. This second chance is only for those students who are not happy with their marks and want to improve them. This big decision was approved by CBSE on Wednesday.

According to the exam controller of CBSE, Mr. Sanyam Bhardwaj, the results of the first exam will come in April, and the results of the second exam will come in June. This means students who want to improve their marks will not have to wait long. They will be able to focus and try again. This rule will apply to main subjects like Science, Mathematics, Social Science, and Language subjects. Students can choose any three subjects where they want to give the exam again. It gives students a good chance to do better in important subjects.

There will be only one internal assessment for each subject during the academic session. Internal assessment means the marks given by the school teachers based on classwork, homework, projects, and regular tests. This new rule follows the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. NEP 2020 wants school education to become easier, less stressful, and more helpful for students. The aim is to make exams student-friendly and more flexible.

Before this, students only got one chance to take the board exam. If they could not do well, they had to wait for a long time. Sometimes, they also felt pressure and stress. But now, because of this new rule, they will get two chances. So, if they do not get good marks in February, they can try again in May without wasting a full year. This new step will help students improve their confidence. It will also help parents and teachers to support their children in a better way.

CBSE has also said that question papers may be divided into two parts. It means students may get a paper with two sections. This will help them manage time and answer properly. The aim is not just to check memory but also to test students' real understanding and learning. Students will be tested for their knowledge, thinking, and problem-solving skills. It is a big change in the exam system of India.

CBSE has also told schools, principals, teachers, and parents to give all the needed information to students on time. Students should know that this change is not a semester system. It is only for helping students to perform better in the same syllabus and subjects. Schools should guide students and help them understand how this new rule works. Students must know that both board exams are real and serious, and they should try their best in both if needed.

This decision was first announced by CBSE some time ago. Now it has become final. Schools across the country are getting ready for this. But the opinion of principals and teachers is mixed. Some principals feel this change will help students a lot. Others feel it may bring some confusion in the beginning. But

most of them agree that the stress of exams will become less. Students will feel relaxed knowing that they have another chance.

This change is being seen as a big step in improving school education in India. It supports the idea that every child should get more than one opportunity to show their best. It also reduces the fear of exams. Sometimes, students are not well or face some problems during the exam. Now they will have a second chance without waiting for next year.

In this system, students who are happy with their marks in the February exam do not need to take the May exam. Their best marks from either exam will be counted. It is a fair and smart way to help children grow. Many education experts believe this will help in building a better future for school students. It also shows that CBSE is trying to move with modern education goals.

Also, this change brings India's school exams closer to global standards, where students often get more than one chance. It also helps slow learners and those who take time to prepare. Students who fall sick, have personal problems, or face family difficulties around exam time will benefit. They can try again without worry.

CBSE has said that schools should not treat this like a semester system. It is not dividing the syllabus into parts. The full syllabus will be covered in both exams. So, students must study the whole course carefully. They should also plan their time wisely. Teachers should help students with this planning.

Another good thing is that students will learn to take responsibility for their progress. They will get a chance to judge where they stand and how they can improve. It teaches self-confidence and helps them take control of their learning. Parents will also feel less worried, knowing that their child has another chance.

Schools will have to manage time and exam arrangements carefully. CBSE will give clear instructions to every school. This will include how to prepare question papers, how to conduct exams twice, and how to declare results on time. Schools must cooperate and give full support.

Some schools may face small challenges in the beginning. For example, arranging rooms, teachers, and paperwork for two board exams may take extra time. But CBSE believes that these problems can be solved with good planning. The final goal is to help students succeed.

This new decision will start from the academic year 2026. So, all students, teachers, and parents have enough time to understand and get ready. CBSE may also give special training to teachers and staff about this new pattern. Training workshops and meetings may happen so that there is no confusion.

To explain this new system, CBSE may also prepare videos, booklets, and online guides. These will be shared with students and schools across India. The idea is to make everyone ready and comfortable before the new board pattern starts.

Some parents and teachers are also asking questions about marks, final result sheets, and how colleges will see these marks. CBSE has said that the best marks from either the February or May exam will be taken. So, the final mark sheet will show the highest score from both chances. This is to give students the full benefit of the new system.

This system does not mean students should stop working hard. It only means that one bad day will not spoil everything. Students must prepare well for the first exam in February. If needed, they will get another chance in May. But they should not treat the May exam as a backup or last-minute option. Both exams should be taken seriously.

In the future, such changes may also be seen in Class 12 exams or other boards. But for now, CBSE Class 10 is the first one to get this new system. It is a step towards making education fair and student-friendly. It shows that our education system is thinking about children's well-being.

In the end, the goal is to make exams better, not tougher. It is to make children learn better, not just memorize. CBSE wants to make sure that students can show their talent without fear. They should enjoy learning and grow in life with confidence. Two chances in the board exams will be a strong support for all Class 10 students. This step can change the way India looks at board exams. It is the beginning of a positive and student-first future in school education.